Recent Restoration at South Union

A small yet significant restoration project is nearly complete in South Union's 1835 Smoke and Milk House. Soon after the Shakers sold the village in 1922, the Smoke and Milk House became the home of Slim and Zula Trogden. Mr. Trogden transformed the 19th century Shaker workshop into a 1920s home which included a modern kitchen and bath and even a bedroom where the Shakers once hung meat to be smoked. The structure originally had two front doors, one for the women to enter the dairy and the other for the men to enter the smokehouse. Mr. Trogden decided the house needed a back door, so the north window in the old dairy room was removed and a door installed in its place.

Thanks to a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, the window is coming back. The dairy room, a dark and foreboding space, will once again be flooded with light when the restoration is completed by November 1. The project includes the replication of the original window casing and interior trim, two window sashes, and a cut limestone sill. Original Shaker-made brick and a large section of cut limestone found near the structure are being used to finish the masonry.

We wish to thank the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels for generously funding restoration at South Union over the years. The organization was also responsible for the restoration of the paint and plaster in the back stair hall of the Centre House and funded the complete restoration of the Centre Family bakeroom. Research on the Smoke and Milk House would have been nearly impossible without the assistance of the late Mrs. Zula Trogden and her daughter, Edna Bowlds. We are indebted to the Trogden family for valuable interviews, letters, and family photographs.

Airpark Still A Threat

Recent developments on south central Kentucky's proposed 2,500 acre airpark place South Union as the number two site. This massive highway, railroad, and air freight terminal, which could be located across the railroad tracks from the Shaker Tavern, would be a tremendous setback to the preservation of South Union. Please write in protest to: Dan Cherry, Airpark Board, 812 State Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101.
Welcome New Members

Kate Terry, Pagosa Springs, CO  
Thomas Freese, Lexington, KY  
Lee Blythe, Auburn, KY  
Jack Burwell, Huntsville, AL  
Rollin Rhodes, Elizabethtown, KY  
Cindy Geisen, Santa Claus, IN

Thank You for Your Contributions

Gregory Estes, Nashville, TN for Southern Furniture Symposium underwriting  
John Campbell, New Haven, KY for general support  
Dr. & Mrs. James W. Middleton, Munfordville, KY for general support  
Steve Hudspeth, Bowling Green, KY equipment used in removal of herb garden  
Graham, Dory & Logan Hudspeth, Alvaton, KY removal of herb garden & landscaping

From the Board of Directors

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall season. The Board of Directors' slate will be quite full in the coming months. Between acclimating new members and addressing issues like fundraising and developments regarding the site of the proposed airpark, we are set to face some challenges. These issues are ongoing and critical to the long-range development and security of the museum site. We certainly welcome any questions or comments from members about any topic of concern.

Recently, as Tommy and I walked around the property near the Ministry Shop, he described to me the row of maple trees that once lined the road from the Ministry Shop to the East Family buildings. We discussed that it would be appropriate, yet expensive, to replace these trees. One suggestion involved members purchasing a sugar maple tree to serve as a memorial to a lost loved one. I am purchasing the first tree and dedicating it to the memory of a dear friend of mine who passed away this last summer. I want to encourage others to do the same. Please contact the museum if you would like information about this very important project. Thank you for your support, and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events.

Skip Cleavinger, President  
Shaker Museum at South Union  
Board of Directors
Our busy fall season is in full swing as we welcome visitors here to see the new exhibit, "Considerable Grace: The Southern Roots of the Kentucky Shaker Dining Room." The exhibit, which includes a beautiful collection of antebellum dining room furniture and silver made in Kentucky and Tennessee, compares the dining customs of the Shakers with those of their regional neighbors. "Considerable Grace" opened in conjunction with the museum's Southern Furniture Symposium, October 1-2, an event which not only drew a capacity crowd but an anxious waiting list. Our impressive line-up of presenters included Ronald Hurst, chief curator at Colonial Williamsburg, and regional material culture scholars Dr. Benjamin Caldwell, Dr. Carol Crowe Carraco, Richard Warwick, Diane Wachs, and Marianne Ramsey. I hope you will make an effort to see this exhibit before it closes November 21. Exhibit catalogs for "Considerable Grace" are available for sale in our museum shop.

I want to say a special "thank you" to the Directors of our Board whose terms expire in December. Gran Clark, Carol Dyche, Charlie Ray, Grover Corum, Carolyn Garrett, Alicia Stivers, and Sally Ann Strickler have contributed to South Union's preservation efforts and its administration in so many ways that it would be impossible to list them all. We are all indebted to the people on this list for the impact that they have made during their terms on the Board. I am especially grateful to Gran Clark and Charlie Ray who have both served as president of the organization in recent years.

We also want to welcome an impressive list of new Directors who have already begun their terms: Beth McKinney, Diane Howerton, Laura Caswell, Karol Kirby, Alice Rockhold, Mark Iverson, and Gene Crume. To our Advisory Committee, we welcome Doris Thomas of Commonwealth Health Corporation and Michael Harrel of PNC Bank in Louisville. We look forward to the new energy and talent that these individuals bring to the organization.

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**On September 26, 1999, our deadline for raising $585,000.00 for the 145-acre tract came, but we did not reach our goal. Lacking $132,000.00, the Shaker Museum was forced to borrow the balance to purchase the tract. Contributions will continue to be accepted until the balance is raised.
A cool, breezy Saturday was the backdrop for the second annual Shaker Farm Day. Well over four hundred visitors enjoyed watching and helping South Union "Shakers" perform a variety of fall chores. Whether it was milking the cow, grinding apples for the cider press, making leather britches, or shelling corn, everyone had an opportunity to get involved. After a long day, and many interesting suggestions, the new calf was named "Brownie." She was definitely the favorite among the many children in attendance. We would like to thank the following volunteers, whose support is truly invaluable:

Linda Heady  Melanie Smith  Pete Wilson  Tommy Hines, Sr.
Jamie Heady  Drew Mauney  Brandi Wilson  Gingie Hines
Amy Taylor  Sandy Martin  Lorna Thigpen  Katherine Maddox
Sally Ann Strickler  Dale Spencer  Mary Spencer  Mike Sisk

We would also like to express a hearty word of thanks to the skilled craftspeople and organizations that contributed their time, talents, and resources:

Mike Hossum  Dean Watkins  Ed & Virginia Price
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We are all looking forward to Shaker Farm Day 2000!
Dig into a really big breakfast!

A Shaker Breakfast

...featuring a menu from 1864 that promises to please and astonish.

Saturday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The Dining Room of the 1824 Centre Family Dwelling

For reservations call: 270-542-4167 or 1-800-811-8379
Upcoming at the Shaker Museum

November 13  A Shaker Breakfast
Experience a morning meal like no other, with an extensive menu taken from South Union's Civil War journals. Reservations required. Fee: members $18, nonmembers $20. Time 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

December 3-4  Christmas at Shakertown
One of Kentucky's finest antique and handmade craft shows. Friday evening preview party, for which reservations are required, benefits the museum. Saturday open to the public with canned food items as admission. Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday. This event funded in part by AUBURN BANKING COMPANY.

December 6-17  Christmas in the Kitchen
This popular student program returns for its second year. Students will again have the opportunity to operate turn of the century kitchen gadgets, learn about food preparation, and explore Shaker Christmas traditions.